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WITH AN

ABSTRACT

OF THE

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For that PURPOSE,

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AN ACCOUNT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT For Relieving Poor Proſelytes, &c.

THE Want of a regular Method in *Great-Britain*, for relieving ſincere Converts from the Church of *Rome*, has been too juſtly complained of ever ſince the Reformation. And indeed the frequent Convulſions, which this Proteſtant Church and Nation has, by the Intrigues of the Romiſh Church, been thrown into, in every Reign ſince, may have been too much the Occaſion of drawing off the Attention of our Prelates and Others, from Providing for the Reception of thoſe, who ſhall forſake the Communion of that Church.

But the Happy Settlement of the Crown in the *Proteſtant Line*, excluſive of *Papiſts* for ever, leaving us more at Liberty to make a Proviſion for Converts from *Popery*, in like manner as has been very laudably done in other Proteſtant Churches: It has been thought a ſuitable Return to Providence, after our own Converſion and Eſtabliſhment, now to think of Strengthening our Brethren.

In every Age, ſince the Reformation, it has pleaſed GOD to open the Eyes of many Votaries to the Romiſh Superſtitions, and to bring them to ſuch a Senſe of the Idolatries they were bred in, as to become eminent Examples of Piety, and to create in them a juſt Eſteem for the invaluable Privileges acquired to the Chriſtian Church, by the glorious Reformers of it from Papal Darkneſs.

But ſuch is the Misfortune of ſeveral of thoſe who were happily convinced of the Romiſh Errors, that ſome of them have been even compelled, for want of Bread, to make their Peace with the Church of *Rome*, after they had publickly, and in a very ſolemn Manner, renounc'd her Errors.

Nor is it eaſie to imagine how a Perſon, forſaking the Religion of his beſt Friends (and by that Means, not only putting himſelf out of their Favour, but exaſperating them againſt him in the higheſt Degree) can continue in our Communion, without very extraordinary Aſſiſtance from above, unleſs he be treated by us with Kindneſs and Commiſeration, while he is conflicting with great Neceſſities.

And it is yet more difficult to conceive, how a Perſon in thoſe Circumſtances, coming from a foreign Country, amongſt ſtrange People,

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can be able to provide a Maintenance for Himſelf and, as ſometimes happens, for a Family, whilſt he remains not only ignorant of the Language, but deſtitute of Friends and all other poſſible Means to get into Buſineſs, at the ſame Time that he is ſubjected to all the Malice and ſubtil Circumventions of thoſe who bitterly Hate and Perſecute him on Account of his having forſaken their Communion.

Theſe Conſiderations induced His Grace the Lord Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, and the Lord Biſhop of *London*, to find out an Expedient for laying a Foundation towards eſtabliſhing a Charity of ſo extenſive a Uſe, to the Honour and Intereſt of the Proteſtant Religion; and their Lordſhips, in Conjunction with the Right Honourable the then Lord Chief Juſtice of the *King's-Bench*, and the Lord Chief Juſtice of the *Common-Pleas*, purſuant to His Majeſty's gracious Approbation, have been pleaſed to authorize, by a Commiſſion bearing Date the 24th of *April* 1717, a certain Number of Perſons both of the Clergy and Laity, to receive the Sum of 400 *l. per Annum*, iſſuing out of a Fund therein mentioned, and to diſtribute the ſame to ſuch Proſelytes from the Church of *Rome*, as by the Rules preſcrib'd in their Commiſſion ſhould appear Objects of Charity truly worthy of it: And at the ſame Time did empower them to invite other Perſons to their Aſſiſtance, as well as to receive the Benevolence of well-diſpoſed Chriſtians, ſuperadded to the Royal Bounty for this charitable Purpoſe.

Soon after the Beginning of this Eſtabliſhment, their Lordſhips being ſenſible of the Incapacity the Commiſſioners were in, by the ſmallneſs of their Stock, to anſwer the Purpoſes of their Com-

Commiſſion, they obtained from His Sacred Majeſty an additional Yearly Sum of One hundred Pounds out of the aforeſaid Fund; ſo that at preſent the whole Revenue iſſuing from the King's Bounty for this Purpoſe amounts to Five hundred Pounds *per Annum*.

In order to give a clearer Light into the Proceedings upon this Commiſſion, it is thought fit to inſert here the RULES preſcrib'd in the ſame, together with the STANDING ORDERS of the Commiſſioners, relating to themſelves, their Officers and the Proſelytes, which Experience has ſhewn to be neceſſary, for the better carrying on of this good Work.

The RULES preſcribed in the ſaid Commiſſion are as follows, viz.

I.

'THAT the Commiſſioners ſhall meet once a Month on ſuch a Day, and at ſuch a 'Place as they, or the greateſt Part of them (not 'being leſs than Five in the Whole) ſhall think 'to be moſt proper and convenient.

II.

'THAT no Commiſſioner ſhall receive any 'private Applications, or make any private Promiſes to any Proſelytes, but ſhall direct all ſuch 'Perſons as make any Requeſt to them, to come 'to the ſaid Publick Meetings of the Commiſſioners, where their Caſe may be publickly examined, and where it may be agreed what is 'moſt fitting to be done for them.

III.

'THAT no Proſelyte ſhall be admitted to 'receive any Benefit from this Charity, but

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'ſuch as are now in *England*, or, having been 'here formerly, have been forced to leave the 'Kingdom for want of Subſiſtence, or ſhall 'hereafter come directly from their own Coun-'try wherein they lived whilſt they were of the '*Roman* Communion, excluding all ſuch as have 'had any Settlements in any other Proteſtant 'Country ſince their Converſion, and have left 'ſuch their Settlements ſince this Eſtabliſh-'ment.

IV.

'AND whereas the Monies hitherto advanced 'for this charitable Work will not reach to the 'Maintenance of Families, no Perſon ſhall be 'the more conſider'd for having a Family, un-'leſs upon ſome extraordinary Occaſion, which 'ſhall move the Commiſſioners for that Time 'only ſo to do; and the ſaid Commiſſioners 'ſhall not continue to aſſiſt any of the Proſe-'lytes who ſhall marry, without having previ-'ouſly acquainted them with ſuch their Inten-'tions, and obtained their Conſent.

V.

'THAT no Proſelyte ſhall be aſſiſted any 'longer than 'till he be in a Condition to pro-'vide for himſelf, or that he ſhall by the Com-'miſſioners, or any others, be offered a Method 'for his ſubſiſting without this Charity.

VI.

'THAT the Commiſſioners ſhall be enabled 'at their Monthly Meeting to add any other 'Perſons, who ſhall be judged proper to be 'join'd with themſelves in the Diſtribution of 'this Charity.

VII.

'THAT the better to diſcover the Merits 'or Demerits of the Proſelytes who ſhall at

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'any time come over, the Commiſſioners 'may chooſe correſponding Members out of 'the moſt eminent Proteſtants in Foreign Parts.

VIII.

'THAT the Commiſſioners ſhall be impower'd 'to make ſuch Rules for carrying on their 'pious Ends, as they ſhall think convenient: 'Provided always, that no Perſon ſhall be 'choſen into this Commiſſion, nor any ſuch 'Rules made, but by the Votes of Five at leaſt 'of the Commiſſioners.

THE Commiſſioners, in purſuance of this Commiſſion, had their firſt Meeting at *Whitehall*, *Tueſday* the 30th of *April*, 1717; and after appointing the neceſſary Officers, conſidered of ſeveral other Regulations fit to be obſerved in executing their Commiſſion, which, tho' made at ſeveral times in the Courſe of their Proceedings, are here exhibited in one View.

ORDERS relating to the Commiſſioners in general.

I.

'THAT the General Meeting of this Society be upon the firſt *Wedneſday* in 'every Month at *Whitehall*, or ſuch other Place 'as ſhall be notify'd.

II.

'THAT all ſuch as are admitted Members of 'this Society ſhall contribute a certain Yearly 'Sum towards the Support of the *Poor Proſelytes*, 'during their Stay in the ſaid Society.

III.

'THAT there be a Rotation of Chairmen; and the Firſt or Senior Member, as they 'ſtand

'ſtand in the Commiſſion, or are elected afterwards, of ſuch as are preſent, ſhall take the Chair at the reſpective Meetings of the Society or Committee thereof.

IV.

'THAT the Chairman, at every Meeting of the Society or Committee, take Care that the Debates be regular, and that no Member interrupt another, and that he who ſpeaks firſt, be heard firſt.

V.

'THAT when any Perſon is propoſed for a Commiſſioner, he ſtand propoſed till the next Meeting; and in the mean while two of the Society ſhall be deſired to enquire into the Character of ſuch Perſon, as to his good Affection to the preſent Government and the Proteſtant Religion; and in caſe there be no Objection made thereto, the Board may at the next Meeting proceed to the Choice by Balloting.

VI.

'THAT at every General Meeting, before the Society proceed on Buſineſs, the following Prayer be uſed, *viz.*

ALmighty God, who ſheweſt to them that be in Error the Light of thy Truth, to the Intent that they may return into the Way of Righteouſneſs: Grant unto all them that are admitted into the Fellowſhip of Chriſt's Religion, that they may eſchew thoſe Things that are contrary to their Profeſſion, and follow all ſuch Things as are agreeable to the ſame, through our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. Amen.

'AND before the Society riſe, the Prayer following, *viz.*

O Merciful God, who haſt made all Men, and hateſt nothing that thou haſt made, nor wouldeſt the Death of a Sinner, but rather that he ſhould be converted and live: Have Mercy upon all Jews, Turks, Infidels *and* Hereticks, *and take from them all Ignorance, Hardneſs of Heart, and Contempt of thy Word, and ſo fetch them home (bleſſed Lord!) to thy Flock, that they may be ſaved among the Remnant of the true* Iſraelites, *and be made one Fold under one Shepherd,* Jeſus Chriſt *our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit; one God, world without end.* Amen.

'AND that if no Clergyman be preſent, the 'Chairman read the ſame.

VII.

'THAT when any thing is propoſed for a 'ſtanding Rule, it be propoſed at two ſeveral 'Meetings, and not allowed to be ſuch, 'till it 'has had the Approbation of a third Meeting.

VIII.

THAT no Recommendation in Favour of 'any Proſelyte, be received from any Perſon 'who is not a Subſcriber or Benefactor.

ORDERS relating to the Committee.

I.

'THAT a Committee be appointed Monthly, conſiſting of Seven of the Commiſſioners, by a Rotation, according to their Seniority upon the Liſt, (the Lords Spiritual and 'Temporal, Members of Parliament, and Gentlemen that live out of the Bills of Mortality, 'excepted) to meet upon the laſt *Wedneſday* in 'every Month, at ſuch Place and Hour as

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'ſhall be notify'd: But any of the Commiſ-
'ſioners may attend if they pleaſe, and have
'Voices, and that three be a *Quorum*, to con-
'ſider of Matters relating to the Society, and
'to report their Opinion thereupon.

II.

'THAT when any extraordinary Occur-
'rence ſhall happen, deſerving the Conſidera-
'tion of a General Meeting, it ſhall be in the
'Power of the Committee to give Direc-
'ons for Summoning a General Meeting, al-
'though they ſhould ſtand Adjourned to a fur-
'ther Day.

III.

'THAT if it ſhould happen that the firſt
'Application for Relief of a Perſon intending
'to renounce the Errors of the Church of *Rome*,
'be made between the Meetings of the Society,
'it ſhall be in the Power of any three Com-
'miſſioners, upon a due Certificate from the
'Divine, or Perſon appointed to examine them,
'to order a Weekly Allowance to ſuch Perſons
'as they ſhall think fit, not exceeding five Shil-
'lings, till his Caſe can be laid before a General
'Meeting.

IV.

'THAT at every General Meeting, when
'three Members are preſent, they be a Com-
'mittee to prepare Buſineſs for the Society.

ORDERS relating to the Treaſurer.

I.

'THAT no Order for the Payment of Money ſhall be accepted by the Treaſurer, 'nor allowed upon the Audit of his Accounts, 'unleſs there be an Order upon the Minutes of 'the Society or Committee for it, and the ſame 'certify'd by the Secretary.

II.

'THAT the Treaſurer do lay before the Board, 'at every Monthly Meeting, an Account of 'what Money remains in his Hands.

III.

'THAT the Treaſurer's Accounts be Audited twice Yealy, at *Midſummer* and *Chriſtmas*; 'and that three Auditors be appointed for that 'Purpoſe.

ORDERS relating to the Secretary.

I.

'THAT the Minutes of every General Meeting and of every Committee, be 'read at the End of each Meeting, and ſign'd 'by the Chairman, or any two of the Commiſſioners preſent, before they be entred into 'the reſpective Journals.

II.

'THAT the Secretary upon any Member's 'Deſire, or he himſelf, if he ſee Occaſion, have 'Power to ſummon a Committee.

III.

'THAT all the Standing Orders be read at 'every Quarterly Meeting, *viz.* the firſt *Wedneſdays* in *May*, *Auguſt*, *November* and *February*; 'except when the Society ſhall diſpenſe with 'the ſame.

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'THAT the Secretary attend his Grace the 'Lord Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, and the Lord 'Biſhop of *London*, and others the Lords that 'ſign'd the Commiſſion, as often as required, 'with the Books of the Society, in order to 'acquaint them with their Proceedings in the 'Truſt committed to them.

ORDERS to be obſerved by the Perſon appointed to Examine and Inſtruct the Proſelytes.

I.

'THAT he Examine them upon the true Motives of their Converſion from the 'Church of *Rome*, and what Knowledge they 'have of the Proteſtant Religion.

II.

'THAT he enquire from other Perſons at 'Home, and by good Correſpondents Abroad, 'into the true Character of thoſe that preſent 'themſelves for the Charity of the Society; 'and eſpecially of their Behaviour when come 'over, purſuant to the twelfth Rule, under the 'Orders relating to Proſelytes.

III.

'THAT where he finds them well diſpoſed, 'and yet wanting Inſtruction, he give them 'ſuch Advice as he ſhall judge neceſſary for 'their Improvement, and uſe his beſt Endeavours to ſtrengthen them in the Way of 'Truth.

IV.

'THAT he certify to the Commiſſioners, 'or their Committee, what he finds of each 'Perſon, purſuant to the foregoing Rules.

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'THAT ſuch Proſelytes as he ſhall recommend to the Charity of the Society, be directed by him, and put in a Way to draw up a ſhort Hiſtorical Account of their Converſion, to be laid before the Commiſſioners.

VI.

'THAT he give an Account of his Proceedings to the Society, and particularly to the Lords the Biſhops, and other Divines that are Members thereof, as often as required.

ORDERS relating to Proſeſytes.

I.

'THAT every Perſon intending to renounce the Errors of the Church of *Rome*, and to apply to the Society for Relief, ſhall, as ſoon as poſſible, attend one or other of the Commiſſioners for a Recommendation to ſome Divine of the Society, or the Inſtructor for the Time being, to be examined upon the true Motives of his Converſion, and his Knowledge of the Proteſtant Religion; and to bring a Certificate of his Examination to the Commiſſioners, before he be entitled to Relief.

II.

'THAT if upon the Examination of any Perſons offering to renounce the Errors of the Church of *Rome*, they be detected of impoſing upon the Society falſe Pretences for obtaining their Charity, publick Notice be given of ſuch pretended Converts, in ſuch manner as the Society ſhall think fit.

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'THAT no Proſelyte ſhall partake of this 'Beneficence, but ſuch of whoſe Life and Con-'verſation the Commiſſioners, or their Com-'mittee, are ſatisfied.

IV.

'THAT no Proſelyte ſhall partake of this Be-'neficence that hath a Penſion or Allowance 'from any other Perſon or Perſons, to the Value 'of Ten Pounds *per Annum*, unleſs the Commiſ-'ſioners, upon good Conſiderations and extra-'ordinary Caſes, ſhall order otherwiſe.

V.

'THAT every Proſelyte ſhall be required to 'declare ingenuouſly to the Commiſſioners or 'their Committee, whether he hath any Pen-'ſion, Salary or Allowance whatever, and what 'they amount to; and if it ſhould be after-'wards diſcover'd that he has not declared the 'plain Truth, he ſhall from that Time become 'incapable of ever receiving any manner of 'Aſſiſtance from the Society.

VI.

'THAT any Proſelyte who ſhall put on the 'Gown without Leave of the Archbiſhop or 'Biſhop of the Dioceſe, and without exhibit-'ing a Certificate thereof to the Commiſſioners, 'ſhall be excluded from any Aſſiſtance.

VII.

'THAT no Proſelyte, who hath been in 'theſe Kingdoms before the Repeal of the Edict 'of *Nantz*, in 1685, be admitted to any Share 'of this Charity, except upon very extraordi-'nary Occaſions.

VIII.

'THAT no Proſelyte ought to be aſſiſted 'by the Commiſſioners, but ſuch only as have

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'been actually converted from the Popiſh to the 'Proteſtant Religion.

IX.

'THAT no certain Annual Penſion be al-'low'd to any Proſelyte, but only to each one '*pro re nata*, and with Regard to their preſent 'Circumſtances, in order to enable them to get 'their Bread by their own Induſtry, according 'to ſuch Trades and Callings as they have been 'educated in, or are capable of.

X.

'THAT ſuch Proſelytes as are entirely diſ-'abled by Age, or other Infirmities, from get-'ting their Livelyhood, ſhall be Relieved pre-'ferrably to all other.

XI.

'THAT all Petitions from the Proſelytes to 'the Commiſſioners, be in *Engliſh*.

XII.

'THAT all Proſelytes, who ſhall receive any 'Bounty from the Commiſſioners, be, upon Peril 'of Excluſion from any future Allowance from 'them, ſtrictly moral and regular in their Be-'haviour; particularly, that they reſort to 'ſome Place of Publick Worſhip every Lord's 'Day; that they avoid Drunkenneſs, Uncleanneſs, unlawful Gaming, Swearing and Curſing; 'all diſorderly Converſation, keeping of Ill 'Hours, or any other Offences againſt the Laws 'of the Land; and that a Note of their Lodg-'ings be left from Time to Time with the Meſ-'ſengers of the Commiſſioners, that Enquiry 'may be made of their Behaviour.

XIII.

'THAT all Proſelytes, who ſhall apply to the 'Commiſſioners for Relief, be directed at the 'Time of ſuch Application, to draw up a ſhort 'Hiſtorical

'Hiſtorical Account of their Converſion, and 'deliver the ſame to the Commiſſioners, or to 'whom they ſhall appoint.

XIV.

'That no Proſelyte whatſoever ſhall be 'entitled to receive Relief from the Society 'before he or ſhe has taken the Oaths to the 'Government, to be tendered to them by ſuch 'of the Commiſſioners as are Juſtices of the 'Peace, and this Tender to be made in the Pre-'ſence of the Commiſſioners at their General 'Meeting or Committee; but in caſe no Ju-'ſtice of the Peace ſhall happen to be preſent, 'all Proſelytes ſo offering themſelves to the 'Charity of this Board, ſhall attend on ſuch Ma-'giſtrate as they ſhall be directed to by the 'Commiſſioners, to take the Oaths, and bring 'a Certificate of it to the Treaſurer.

XV.

'That when any Proſelyte has been re-'lieved once for all, by the Society, no Appli-'cation be admitted in Behalf of ſuch Perſons, 'unleſs in very extraordinary Caſes.

XVI.

'That whenever any Proſelyte, after having 'abjured the Popiſh Religion, ſhall be convicted 'of having been at Maſs, or having ſued or 'made Application to the Pope or his Agents 'for a Pardon, or done any other Act whereby 'it ſhall appear that he or ſhe is returned to the 'Popiſh Religion, ſuch Perſon ſhall be for ever 'excluded any Aſſiſtance from this Society.

XVII.

'That when any Proſelyte ſhall be put Ap-'prentice, the Maſter do give an Obligation to 'the Secretary, or any one of the Commiſſioners

'that he will teach him his Trade, and take Care 'of him during the Time agreed for.

XVIII.

'THAT although in extraordinary Caſes of 'Sickneſs, or after Death, an Allowance may 'be given to pay Debts contracted by ſuch Sick-'neſs, or Funeral Charges of any Proſelytes; 'yet no other Debts contracted by Proſelytes 'ſhall be paid after their Death.

XIX.

'THAT when any Proſelyte ſhall contract 'Debts, ſo as to be liable to Arreſts, and to be 'thrown into Goal, the Commiſſioners will 'have no Regard to the Application of ſuch Per-'ſons, except only in very extraordinary Caſes.

NOTHING can more encourage the Promoting this Work than the detecting and making Examples of ſuch as Endeavour by falſe Pretences to impoſe on the Commiſſioners, whoſe Care for preventing ſuch Frauds (and conſequently the Miſapplication of the Charity they are intruſted with) has not been unſucceſsful. Whilſt on the other hand they have had the Satisfaction to ſee that ſeveral of the Proſelytes who have offer'd themſelves, have given good Accounts (according to a ſtanding Order for that Purpoſe) of the Motives of their Converſion, and of their Behaviour ſince.

THOUGH the Number of Annual Subſcriptions has increaſed yearly; yet by the Death of ſome of the firſt Subſcribers, and the Abſence of others, the Income ariſing from ſuch Contributions has fallen ſhort; but it is hoped that all the Members, and others, who have been

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pleas'd to ſubſcribe towards this Deſign, will not only continue the ſame, but alſo uſe their Intereſt, with their Charitable Friends and Acquaintance, to increaſe the Fund for this Purpoſe, ſince a Deſign of this Nature and Extent cannot be carried on by a ſmall Contribution, unleſs it be repeated yearly.

And the following Conſiderations will undoubtedly animate every good Chriſtian, if they reflect; *Firſt*, That this is a Work tending very much to the Glory of God, by promoting our Holy Religion, and bringing into the Way of Truth thoſe educated in Error and Idolatry. And, *Secondly*, That the Perſons intruſted with this Charity take the beſt Care to apply it in ſuch Manner, as will, with as little Charge as poſſible, put ſome out to Employments, which frees the Society from any further Expence upon their Account, and enables them to extend their Charity to others.

And it is with Satisfaction the Commiſſioners ſee their Endeavours to this End have not proved unſucceſsful: A greater Number than could have been expected, having been provided for in ſuch Manner, as eaſes the Society of being burthened with them, and enables them to get a Living by their own Induſtry: The Particulars whereof may be ſeen at large in the Journal of the Commiſſioners.

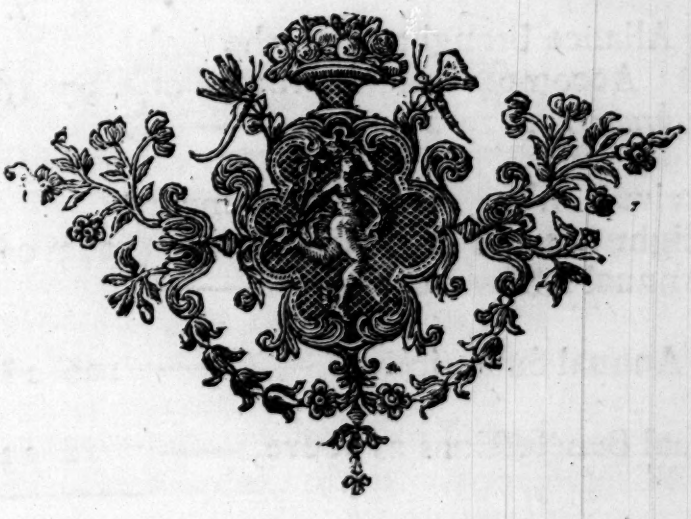
It were to be wiſh'd that a Seminary could be erected, wherein all the Eccleſiaſtick Proſelytes might be kept together, and their Behaviour more narrowly inſpected, as the beſt Way to

diſtinguiſh the the Proper Objects of this Charity from thoſe who are Unworthy of it: But the Want of a Fund for this Purpoſe, has hitherto prevented the putting ſo good a Deſign in Execution.

The Particulars of the BENEFACTIONS *from the 3d of* February, 1719-20, *to the 25th of* December, 1720, *are as follows:*

FROM Mr. *Robert Witham*, by the Hands of Mr. *Newman*, one Guinea: From *John Ferviſe*, Eſq; of *Darleſton* in *Staffordſhire*, five Guineas, by the Hands of Mr. *Chamberlayne*; and one Guinea from the Marquis *Du Queſne*, by the ſame Hand. One Guinea from Mr. *Chancellour*, Tanner of *Norwich*: One Guinea from Mr. *Smith* of *Norwich*, and one Guinea from a Perſon unknown of the ſame Place: Five Guineas from a Perſon unknown, and two Guineas from Mr. Archdeacon *Wilſon* of *Nottingham*, all by the Hands of the Reverend Mr. *Shute*; and one Guinea from Mr. *Torriano*, by the Hands of Mr. *Gunſton*. In all, 18*l*. 13*s*.

FOR which Beneſactions, the Thanks of the Society have been returned to the Perſons known, by the Hands of thoſe who brought or reported them; and the Charitable Perſons, who have thought fit to conceal their Names, are hereby deſired to accept of their grateful Acknowledgment.



By the State of the Treaſurer's Accompts, from the 3d of February 1719-20, *to the 25th of* December 1720, *it appears there has been paid into his Hands as follows:*

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
BAllance brought from the laſt Accompt, ending the 3d of *February*, 1719-20, ——	97	16	03
Received from the Government Eight Months of His Majeſty's Annual Allowance, ——	333	06	08
Of Annual Subſcriptions, ——	106	18	00
Caſual Benefactions as above, ——	18	13	00
	556	13	11

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	l.	*s.*	*d.*
THE DISBURSMENTS upon the foregoing Accompts, from the 3d of *February*, 1719-20, to the 25th of *December*, 1720, including Salaries to the Instructor, Clerk, and Messengers; Apothecaries Bills, *&c.* and other Expences relating to the Commission, ——	448	16	04
Paid the remaining Part of the 80 *l.* advanced for the Occasions of the Society, as mention'd in the last Year's Accompt, ——	30	00	00
Ballance remaining in the said Treasurer's Hands the 25th of *December*, 1720, ——	77	17	07
	556	13	11

BEFORE

BEFORE we close this Relation, it will be proper to give some Account of the Reason and Foundation of the two first standing Orders, under the Head relating to *Proselytes*, in hopes to prevent charitable Christians from being imposed upon by Applications from Persons who are no Objects of their Compassion. By these Orders the Society have endeavoured to provide against an Inconvenience arising from some of the Proselytes making their Abjuration, and being publickly received Members of our Church, before it appears to the Commissioners they are worthy of it.

But for the Future, Care will be taken to prevent any thing of this Nature, that none may be receiv'd into our Communion, 'till they have undergone a thorough Examination, and 'till the Commissioners are satisfied of the Sincerity and Principles of every such Person.

And all Persons who are minded to bestow their Charity this way, are desired to send it to the Commissioners, or their Treasurer, who make it their Business to apply it in such a Manner as may best answer their Intentions.

And for the greater Satisfaction of those who are disposed to encourage this charitable Design, there is herewith published a List of all the Proselytes that are or have been relieved by the Society; that those who please, may be enabled to enquire into their respective Characters: And the Commissioners will be obliged to such as shall favour them with any Accounts upon this Head.

UPON

UPON the Whole, it is to be preſumed, that the Endeavours of the Commiſſioners will prove more and more ſucceſsful; that this Account of their Proceedings will give Satisfaction to the Perſons who have intruſted them with their Charity; and in fine, that, by the Bleſſing of GOD, it may be a Means to advance the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST.

A LIST of the COMMISSIONERS for Relieving Poor *Proſelytes*, digeſted into an Alphabetical Order.

A.

THE *Reverend Dr.* Aſtry.

B.

The Honourable Mr. Bonet, *Miniſter from his* Pruſſian *Majeſty.*
Bartholomew Beale, *Eſq;*
The Reverend Dr. Beauvoir.
Sir Richard Blackmore.
Thomas Blunden, *Eſq;*
The Reverend Mr. Boehm.
Mr. Boucher.
William Bradſhaigh, *Eſq;*
The Reverend Dr. Bray.
Sir Thomas Brand.
Brook Bridges, *Eſq;*
Whitlocke Bulſtrode, *Eſq;*
William Byrde, *Eſq;*

C.

The Right Reverend the Lord Biſhop of Carliſle.
Sir Alexander Cairnes, *Bar.*
Collin Campbell, *Eſq;*
John Chamberlayne, *Eſq;*

The Reverend Mr. La Chapelle.
The Reverend Mr. Chatlain.
Thomas Clendon, *Esq*;
The Reverend Dr. Colnett.
Sir George Cook.

D.

The Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Derry.
Mr. D'Egulhon.
The Reverend Mr. St. Denis.
The Reverend Dr. Dolben.
Daniel Dolins, *Esq*;
Mr. Daval.

E.

The Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Ely.

F.

Mr. Fonvive.

G.

The Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Gloucester, *Lord Almoner.*
Thomas Greene, *Esq*;
Charles Greenwood, *Esq*;
John Gunston, *Esq*;

H.

The Right Honourable the Lord Howard *of* Effingham.
Robert Hales, *Esq*;
Anthony Hammond, *Esq*;
The Reverend Mr. Dean Harris.
Henry Hastings, *Esq*;
The Reverend Dr. Hayley.
The Reverend Mr. Hill.

L.

Sir Thomas Lowther, *Bar.*
James Lowther, *Esq*;

M.

The Reverend Mr. Mayo.

N.

The Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Norwich.
Mr. Henry Newman.
Henry Nicholson, *Esq*;

P.

The Right Honourable the Lord Paisley.
The Right Honourable the Lord Percival.
The Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Peterborough.
Sir John Philipps, *Bar.*

Q.

The Honourable the Marquis Du Quêne.

S.

The Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Sarum.
Colonel Savary.
The Reverend Mr. Shute.
Frederick Slare, *M. D.*
James Smith, *Esq*;
The Reverend Dr. Stanley, *Dean of* St. Asaph.

T.

William Talbot, *Esq*;
John Temple, *Esq*;
The Reverend Mr. Thorold.
William Tillard, *Esq*;
Mr. De Tudert.

The

W.

The Reverend Dr. Waddington.
The Reverend Dr. Wickart, *Dean of* Winchester.
The Reverend Dr. Wilcocks.
Samuel Woodcock, *Esq;*

Y.

The Reverend Dr. Younger, *Dean of* Sarum.

A LIST

A LIST of other SUBSCRIBERS towards the Relief of Poor *Proſelytes*.

Her Royal Highneſs Princeſs ANNE.

A.

THE Right Honourable the Lord Allington.
The Reverend Mr. Aufrere.

B.

Mrs. Condam.
Nathaniel Blackſton, *Eſq;*
Anthony Bothemley, *Eſq;*
William Bridges, *Eſq;*

C.

His Grace the Lord Archbiſhop of Canterbury.
The Right Honourable the Earl of Cholmondeley.
The Right Honourable the Lord Carteret.
The Right Honourable the Lord Carpenter.
The Lady Colladon.

D.

Daniel Dering, *Eſq;*
Gilbert Douglas, *Eſq;*
The Right Honourable the Counteſs of Drogheda.

E.

William Eaſt, *Eſq*;

G.

The Right Honourable the Lord Grantham.
The Lady Gouvernet.
Sir Brocas Gardiner.

H.

Sir David Hamilton.
Monſ. L'Hermitage.
Sir Guſtavus Humes.

J.

The Honourable Sir Joſeph Jekyl, *Maſter of the Rolls.*
James Johnſton, *Eſq*;

K.

Her Grace the Ducheſs of Kendal.

L.

The Right Honourable the Earl of Lincoln.
The Right Reverend the Lord Biſhop of London.
Mr. Laroche.
William-Lewis le Grand, *Eſq*;

M.

The Honourable the Marquis De Montandre.
The Reverend Mr. Menard.
Robert Moore, *Eſq*;

N.

Sir Iſaac Newton.

P.

The Right Honourable the Lord Parker, *Lord High Chancellor.*

The Right Honourable the Countess of Portland.
Sir Philip Parker.
Theo. Parsons, *Esq*;
Philip Percival, *Esq*;
Richard Pye, *Esq*;

R.

M. Ant. Ravaud, *Esq*;
The Reverend Mr. Rival.
James Robethon, *Esq*;
John Robethon, *Esq*;
Madam de Beringer Robethon.
Mr. Stephen Roujat.

S.

The Right Honourable the Earl of Sussex.
Sir George Savile, *Bar.*
James La Sabliere, *Esq*;
The Reverend Mr. Saurin.
M. A. Saurin, *Esq*;
Colonel Schutz.
Augustus Schutz, *Esq*;
William Sloper, *Esq*;
The Reverend Dr. Smallbroke.
The Honourable Edward Southwell, *Esq*;
Mrs. Elizabeth Southwell.

T.

The Right Honourable the Lord Townshend.
The Right Honourable the Lady Torrington.
Benjamin Teale, *Esq*;
Henry Temple, *Esq*;
Mrs. Lucy Temple.

Capt. Marc. Valogne.
Peter Vandeput, *Esq*;

W.

The Right Honourable the Lady Wentworth.
Mrs. Betty-Clarke Walker.
Thomas Warner, *Esq*;
Sir Robert Worseley.

Y.

J. Yates, *Esq*;

A LIST

A LIST of all the Perſons that have preſented themſelves to the Commiſſioners for Relieving Poor Proſelytes, from the 30th of *April* 1717, to the 25th of *December* 1720, and have been either actually provided for once and all, (by being put out to Services or Places, or Apprenticeſhips, or to Buſineſs of which they were capable, and furniſhed with Tools for their reſpective Trades, or put into the King's or Merchants Ships with Neceſſaries for their Voyages,) or are now relieved Monthly or Half-yearly; including thoſe who are dead, or gone out of *England* ſince their firſt Application, or have been rejected as unworthy of any more Aſſiſtance from the charitable Diſtribution, for Reaſons which occurr'd to the Commiſſioners after a ſtrict Enquiry concerning them.

Thoſe marked thus † are dead.

A.

Nicholas Ambeſieux.
† *Stephen D'Ablain.*
Thomas Artizen.
Laurens Aſſelin.
Mary Ancelot.

B.

Mary Bourdon.
Rene Beaumortier.
Francis Buord.
Philip Berard.
James Bertrand.

† Francis Berteau.
Joseph Bauford.
Peter Beaulieu.
Laurence Bard
Julius Carolus Benincasa.
Elizabeth de la Brouse.
Laurence Bichard.
John le Brun.
J. B. Belangier.
Jane Brouliet.
John Boudon.
Francis Bodin.
Solomon de Beaulieu.
Peter Benoit.
John Barreau.
Lewis Bouchards
Barnaby Bourgoin.
Claude Bachet.
Mariane Balin.
Lewis Boullye of Juilly.
Victor Benormont.
Jacinto Bruni.
Paul Bourlon.
John Blondel.
Claude Broyer.
Richard Bishop.

C.

Nicholas de Chezeu.
† Frances Cavalier.
† Michel Cleben.
John Clemaron.
Mary Clignet.
Genevive Chevalier.
Visconte Cigala.
Stephen Coulet.
Francis Coulange.
Nicholas le Cler.
Mary du bois Chevalier.
James Charboneau.
Nicholas Cianglo.
James Constantine.
J. B. du Clos.
Peter Callieau.
Francis Cruvelier.
——— Curtois.
William Carrol.
† John Callieau.
Fælix Calsola.
Francis Du Clos.
Alexander Cæsan.
† Francis Callieau.
Magdalene Calvox.
John Baptiste Christian.

D.

† Frances Doudel.
Peter D'urte.
Michel D'origny.
Francis Dupuy.
Francis Dalbin.
Monsr. D'onans.
Francis Deynaud.
——— Despres.

F.

Francis Flahault.
Joseph Fornella.
Rene Faucon.
Margaret Ferron.
Bartholomew de la Fosse.
Peter Fulcheris.
Alexy de Foretier.
Frances Fournier.
William Fraunie.
John Ant. Fontana.
Francis Frigone.

Monsr.

Monſ. *Du Freſne.*
James de Fleurey.

G.

——— *Gavin.*
Mary Grangier.
Naamas Gourdon,
Vincent de Gallou.
Philip Gouiran.
Peter Graland.
† *Rene Guybert.*
Henry de Gondrin.
Francis Guillemain.
Vicounteſs *Gormanſton.*
Peter Guillot.
John Gayet.
John Thomas Grawal.

H.

Norbert Henebert.

I.

Henry du Farry.
John Johnſon.
J. Baptiſta Johncoſo.

K.

Francis Koſſij.

L.

Henry Lanoüe.
Claude Laborie.
J. Francis de Laborie.
Thomas St. Leu.
† *Francis Leigois.*
Joſeph L'orleach.
Joſeph de Leonis.
Rock le Long.
George Liebard.
James Laurents.
Michael Lamy.
J. Baptiſte Labris, and His Wife.
Lewis Lavechin.
John Claude Laurents.
Elizabeth Longly.
John de Lame.
Monſ. *Lenzi.*
Mary Labrie.
John Lambaye
Joſeph Lorain.

M.

† *Cæſar Moncada.*
Magdalene Martinet.
Champion de la Motte.
Claude Maybeu.
James Michell.
James Maximin.
Gabriele Migne.
John-James Maſon and His Wife.
Joſeph Montignac.
Miſpoulet's two Sons.
Joſeph de Maur.
Francis-Anthony de Maloſe.
Nicholas Marchand.
Peter Mouche.
Anthony Migne.

N.

Leonard Naviers.

O.

Rock Offroy.
† *Joſeph Ortique.*

P.

Peter Pineda.
William Paſquier,
Vincent Pinna.
Anthenio Pomponio.
Mary du Pleſſis.
Vaubert du Pleſſis.

† *Emery*

† *Emery Pinau.*
Philip Pegny.
Mr. *Privat.*
Michael Pelon.
Nicholas Benedictus Paſcha.
Lewis Paulon.
Monſ. *Poudereux.*
Francis Picaud.

Q.

Medart Quintin.
Joſeph Du Querray and His Wife.

R.

Adam Romeliere.
John Rotrou.
George Raſailhac.
Lazarus Francis Repetty.

S.

Mary Simon.
Vincent Simonet.
Charles de Sylva.
Andrew Scandre.
Mary-Rene Soive.
Joſeph Stranglini.

T.

William Taylor.
† *Richard du Tour.*
J. Baptiſte Treval.
Jane Traybays.
Peter Thevieu.
Lewis-Claude Truby.
Andrew le Toyl.
Thereſe Moreau de Touche.

V.

John Du Verger.
Claude Vernet.
Joſeph Vachery.
Ferdinando Vanderſteghen.
James Vanthune.
A. M. Vannoucii.

W.

Francis Williamſon.

Z.

Paul-Anthony Zanchy.

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